

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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COMPUTERISATION OF POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of existing head post offices in the country where computerisation has been done;
- (b) the number of head post offices which are likely to be computerised by the year 2001; and
- (c) the estimated amount likely to be spent thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) The Department has made a comprehensive plan for total computerisation of Head Post Offices located in State capitals and district headquarters. In this plan all front and back end operations are linked together in a local area network in the post offices using computers and a central server. An integrated software Meghdoot'98 allows all operations to be carried out on computers in post offices. Since 1998-99, we have attempted computerisation in this manner in 306 Head Post offices upto 31st March 2000.
- (b) Another 106 Head Post offices are being computerised by 31st March 2001.
- (c) Rs. 5.80 crores are earmarked for this activity for the period ending 31st March 2001.